

# CITY OF REDMOND ARTS COMMISSION

## **MINUTES**

**December 8, 2005**

**Old Redmond Schoolhouse Community Center**

*“Voice the views of the community to Mayor and City Council in reference to all cultural endeavors”*

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Chairperson Roy Leban, Vice Chair Heidi Houghton, Phil Teller, Kay Tarapolsi, Latha Sambamurti, Tom Flynn, John Davis

**ABSENT AND EXCUSED:**

**STAFF PRESENT:** Melna Skillingstead, Arts Administrator; Sandra Bettencourt, Recreation Program Manager; Dorie Lysaght, Recording Secretary

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Kamal Siegel, Lisa Shine, Christopher Foster, Karon Stentz, Kristin Parrot, Jamie Strausz-Clark

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## **AGENDA**

***Note: Bold/italic text denotes Staff and Commissioner follow-up resulting from this meeting.***

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Roy Leban called to order the regular meeting of the Redmond Arts Commission (RAC) at 7:05 p.m. at the Old Redmond Schoolhouse Community Center (ORSCC).

### **II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Redmond Arts Commission (RAC) minutes of November 10, 2005 were approved with the following amendments:

- Page 3, VII. A., first paragraph: Change the second sentence to “They are a Redmond-based organization that has held and will be holding eight performances in Redmond...”
- Page 6, XIII. G.: Add “Tarapolsi requested a budget report for ROS. Bettencourt stated that it would be available from Finance after they have paid the curator.”

**Motion for approval of the RAC minutes of November 10, 2005 as amended by:**  
Commissioner Tarapolsi

**Second by:** Commissioner Houghton

**Motion carried:** 7-0 unanimous

### **III. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

Move Item VIII. A. to Items from the Audience.

Visual Arts:

- Remove Handbook Update, report was sent out by Houghton before the meeting

Performing / Literary Arts:

- Poet Laureate Report

**Motion for approval of the Additions to Agenda:** Commissioner Tarapolsi

**Second by:** Commissioner Houghton

**Motion carried:** 7-0 unanimous

### **IV. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

#### **A. Introduce RAC candidates (if present)**

RAC Candidates Kamal Siegel and Lisa Shine introduced themselves and were welcomed by the Commissioners.

#### **B. Transit Shelter Artist Recommendation**

Davis reported that the Transit Shelter Artist Selection committee being conducted by the Planning Department selected Stuart Nakamura from the four applying artists. Jamie Strausz-Clark distributed his proposal and presented a slide show of Nakamura's work. The committee will ask Nakamura to add lower panels to his final project to prevent graffiti and to consider including a bird related to the Redmond area, like the heron, kingfisher, hawk or eagle. Teller mentioned that he thought the material prices listed in the budget were inflated.

**Motion for approval of Stuart Nakamura as the artist for the Transit Shelter project:** Commissioner Teller

**Second by:** Commissioner Houghton

**Motion carried:** 7-0 unanimous

### **V. GENERAL RAC BUSINESS**

#### **A. Chair/Vice Chair Report**

Leban informed the RAC that the City Reprographics Division won a national graphics design award for the 2005 Arts in the Parks brochure. They received the Silver Award for the Standard of Excellence in Design from Davey Awards, an international creative award focused exclusively on honoring outstanding creative work from the best small firms worldwide. The brochure was designed by City employee Wayne Gillam.

## **B. SCAN TV Participation – February**

SCAN TV would like the RAC to produce a timely ten-minute piece. Leban stated that it could be a live interview done in the studio or a taped segment. Teller volunteered to create something on the current ROS exhibit or to edit an existing RAC program down to ten minutes. He will do some live shots of the sculptures and use Leban's ROS photos. Tarapolsi volunteered to do the voiceover or be interviewed live for the segment. *Skillingstead will confirm the February 25 ten minute time slot with SCAN TV.*

## **C. January RAC Nominations (Elections February)**

All commissioners interested in serving as the Chair or Vice-Chair should send a paragraph to Skillingstead to be distributed in January. Leban reminded the RAC that they do not have to be nominated in advance of the election in February to be voted on. They can submit their name at the meeting. Teller asked if the term limit of two years is consecutive or total. *Skillingstead will check the charter and report back to the RAC on her findings.*

## **D. Perrigo Park Signage**

Skillingstead confirmed that the Perrigo Park signage has been completed and that Elizabeth will update it with the new City of Redmond logo. The title was changed to "Artwork and Habitat" and all references to Perrigo were removed. A final draft will be sent to staff for final approval.

## **E. January RAC meeting location – New City Council Chambers**

The January RAC meeting will be held in the new City Hall Council Chambers. The meeting will be televised.

## **F. RAC Website Update**

Leban reported that the RAC Website Committee has started work on updating the RAC website. Any commissioner interested in more information can contact Dorie.

# **VI. ARTS EDUCATION/GRANTS**

## **A. Funding: Grant Recommendations**

Tarapolsi stated the Arts Education Grant fund has \$3,280 available. Applications were received from Audubon Elementary for \$2,000 for new supplies for their Art Docent program and from Sixth Day Dance for \$1,500 for administrative fees for their Project Warehouse free hip hop dance workshop for teens. Sixth Day Dance works with Outdoor Adventure, who will help promote the program. Tarapolsi also suggested that they work with the Teen Center for promotion. Leban expressed concern about the RAC sponsoring Sixth Day Dance if they were going to use the workshop to promote their faith. Bettencourt reported that they could not deny them funding because of religious ties but could ask for more

information on the purpose of the program and give the organization the city guidelines on religious content in programming. Flynn suggested that the staff asks Sixth Day Dance for more information on the program and ask the City for an opinion on the matter. Leban requested that the vote be deferred to a later meeting when more information was available. Tarapolsi stated that would be too late for Sixth Day Dance's schedule. Skillingstead recommended that the RAC vote on both grants pending the staff inquiry on Sixth Day Dance.

**Motion for approval of \$1,500 Arts Education Grant funding for Audubon**

**Elementary:** Commissioner Tarapolsi

**Second by:** Commissioner Flynn

**Discussion:** Commissioner Leban recused himself from the vote since his children attend Audubon.

**Motion carried:** 6-0 unanimous

**Motion for approval of \$1,500 Arts Education Grant funding for Sixth Day Dance, pending staff inquiry:** Commissioner Tarapolsi

**Second by:** Commissioner Teller

**Discussion:** Staff will contact Sixth Day Dance to let them know that the grant is in progress and to confirm that they are aware of the grant requirements and city regulations. Flynn requested that staff get the actual guidelines from the City Attorney. Tarapolsi suggested that the grant committee add a request for a mission statement on the grant applications and Leban added that it would be helpful to ask how their program will enhance that mission and work with the RAC's mission.

**Motion carried:** 6-1 (Leban, nay)

*Staff will report on the City guidelines in the next meeting.*

**B. Arts Education Committee Report**

Teller reported that the Arts Education Committee had an open discussion on the role of arts education in the RAC and the consensus was that arts education needs to be a core part of all RAC programming. They would like to see adult and child arts education elements be added to all programs and to be considered in future program decisions. They will get back to the RAC with more information on their ideas.

**VII. PERFORMING/LITERARY ARTS**

**A. 2006 Arts in the Parks Artists Recommendation**

Sambamurti informed the commission that the Performing Arts Committee met twice and had finalized the artist selections for the 2006 Arts in the Parks concert series. There will be six shows at Anderson Park, including one lunchtime children's show on a Friday. There will be four shows at Microsoft, one at Redmond Town Center and one micro concert at City Council Chambers. The Northwest Junior Pipe Band with teenage pipers will be sponsored by the RAC at

the 2006 Derby Days parade. Flynn read the complete schedule and Sambamurti thanked the Performing Arts Committee for their work.

## **B. Redmond Poet Laureate Report**

Davis distributed his research on poet laureates and his recommendations for the position of Poet Laureate in Redmond. He recommended that the position be offered for a four year term, nominated by the Redmond City Council, with the following responsibilities:

1. Promote reading, writing and poetry appreciation among residents of Redmond.
2. Provide at least one public lecture and/or poetry reading annually in Redmond.
3. Compose one poem annually in celebration of Redmond, to be presented to the City Council.

He also proposed that the Poet Laureate be offered an honorarium of \$500 per year. Houghton suggested that the Poet Laureate receive a page in FOCUS magazine and Bettencourt mentioned a reading at Redmond Arts Day. Leban asked that the commissioners be given time to read Davis' research and that the commission discuss it in January.

## **VIII. VISUAL ARTS**

### **A. Andrew Carson Art Dedication January 18 noon & Installation Status**

Skillingstead stated that the Andrew Carson installation will be on Monday, December 12, at 10am. The dedication will be January 18 at noon. This is the best time for ORSCC parking and for the children at Redmond Elementary and Medina Academy and the recreation class participants. Tarapolsi suggested a craft project relating to the sculpture for the kids attending the dedication.

### **B. Visual Art Projects Update**

#### **1. Arts Award Artist Recommendation**

Houghton reported that the Visual Arts Committee received two responses for the Arts Award call for submissions. They selected recycled material artist Marita Dingus. Skillingstead presented slides of Dingus' work.

**Motion for approval of Marita Dingus as 2006 Arts Award Artist:** Commissioner Tarapolsi

**Second by:** Commissioner Flynn

**Motion carried:** 7-0 unanimous

Houghton asked commissioners to think about potential nominations for the 2006 arts awards. *Skillingstead volunteered to make a list of local arts*

*organizations for the commissioners to contact personally to ask for nominations.* She also suggested moving the deadline for nominations to the end of February to give Dingus time to personalize her work to the recipients. Houghton asked that the RAC consider having two awards instead of three.

## **2. City Hall Artwork Placement/Deaccession Committee**

Skillingstead informed the commissioners that the artwork placement tour of the new Redmond City Hall is scheduled for noon on December 15. The artwork was removed from the buildings on November 28<sup>th</sup> and is currently being stored at Artech. An arts commissioner is needed on the deaccession and placement committees. Houghton volunteered to serve. Commissioners are also needed to help with the photo documentation.

## **3. Gallery Management**

Skillingstead reported that she and Bettencourt have been working on a draft management guidelines for the galleries. Staff will continue to work on it for the next meeting. She asked the RAC for recommendations for individuals or organizations for a one-year pilot program. Tarapolsi recommended EAFA and suggested mentioning the curator position at LAA and EAC meetings. Houghton suggested the UW curator program.

## **4. 2007 International Sculpture Exhibit Update**

Teller informed the commissioners that the field trip to Vancouver was cancelled due to snow. It will be rescheduled for January or February. Houghton suggested that somebody from the hotel/motel tax granting committee join the group. She also mentioned that the Mayor, City Department heads and City Council members be invited to join the fact finding mission. Skillingstead said that they had been asked to only bring a small group but that *she will ask the organizers in Kirkland if it is appropriate to bring more people.*

## **5. ROS Program and discussion**

Skillingstead distributed the new ROS flyers and stated that they had been sent to the sponsors and placed in the flyer holders around Redmond. She suggested that the current show be extended an extra year because of limited resources and resources. Current ROS artists and the sponsors have indicated that they would be willing to extend. Leban reported that the Visual Arts Committee recommended that the exhibit be extended to 18 months, plus or minus a month. Bettencourt stated that two years was suggested because of the staff and curator workload and that the extension would allow the RAC to save on resources or to evaluate priorities. If the RAC wants to extend to 18 months, the search for a new curator would have to begin soon. Leban stated that the Visual Arts Committee would report on the ROS evaluations from the commission and the sponsors at the next meeting. *Bettencourt said that staff*

*will bring the ROS budget and city issues to the next meeting for consideration in extending the ROS exhibit.*

**IX. GENERAL NEW BUSINESS**

- Tarapolsi asked for the % for Art budget report and Skillingstead indicated that they are still collecting the information. *Skillingstead offered to bring it to the January meeting, if available.*

**X. MOTION TO ADJOURN**

**Motion to adjourn by:** Commissioner Tarapolsi

**Second by:** Commissioner Teller

**Motion carried:** 7-0 unanimous

The meeting adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Recording Secretary, Dorie Lysaght

**NEXT REDMOND ARTS COMMISSION MEETING:**

**January 12, 2006**

**City Council Chambers**

**7:00 p.m.**

# Redmond Arts Commission

**Meeting: December 8, 2005**

## **Audience Present**

*Please note: Information provided at this public meeting becomes part of the City's permanent record.*

NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE
Christopher Foster		
Karen Stentz		
Lisa Shine		
Kristin Parrott		
Kamal Siegel		
Jamie Strausz-Clark		